

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 495

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to commend James Hill for his honorable and astute service to Blount County and to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, James Hill is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, an integral leader in the advancement of Blount County and a member of the Blount County Commission for over twelve years, Mr. Hill has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, a life-long resident of Blount County, James Hill is a graduate of Lanier High School, where he belonged to the 12-Year Club and the Science Club, and participated in the Senior Play; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Mr. Hill was appointed to fill a vacant position on the Blount County Commission in May of 1986 and subsequently won election to the office at the next election in August of that year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hill rendered sterling service during his three terms on the Blount County Commission, 1986-1990, 1994-1998, and 1998-2002; he was elected Chairman of the Blount County Commission on October 16, 1989, and served in that capacity until August 27, 1990; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Blount County Commission, Mr. Hill served on a number of committees, including the Emergency Communication, Education, Cable Television, Financial Management, and Insurance committees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hill also ably served as a member of the Blount County Community Action Agency from July 2002 until October 2011; and

WHEREAS, James Hill's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hill is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, James Hill is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend James Hill for his honorable and astute service to Blount County and the good people of Tennessee, as we salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.